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a. The troops                      who departed from CRAIOVA (R 33/34 /A 83) area on 12 August 1949, arrived in the Banat between 14 and 16 August 1949. Some of the troops proceeded to Hungary.

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b. Numerous trains carrying Soviet tanks, motor vehicles and ammunition were observed on the CRAIOVA - TIMISOARA (R 16/T 91) and PIATRA OLT (R 33/34 / B21) - SIBIU (R 25/R 20)- CURTICI (R 16/U 17) railroad lines up to 22 August 1949.

2. a. Another source reported that the following trains, coming from CRAIOVA, passed through SIBIU railroad station, mostly during the night, and proceeded to ARAD (R 16/O 06) between 18 and 21 August 1949:

Three trains of 36 to 40 flatcars each, loaded with "T 34" tanks  
Five trains carrying motor vehicles and antiaircraft guns  
Four trains carrying troops.

b. A hospital train of 32 railroad cars arrived at the SIBIU railroad station on 22 August 1949.

c. A Rumanian workman stated that he observed Soviet units with tanks on the arterial road through ORASTIE (R 25/d 50) in early August 1949.

c. It was rumored that a Soviet division was expected to arrive in ALBA JULIA (R 26/d 83).

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a. The above report, [redacted] confirms the transfer of Soviet units from the CRIOVA-BLATINA-CARACAL area (permanent quartering area of the 2d Gds Mecz Div ?) to the ILFOVARI-ARAD area about mid-August 1949.

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b. The report also indicates:

(1) that some of the Soviet units concentrated in the Banat proceeded to Hungarian territory, as was assumed from reports emanating from southeastern Hungary.

(2) that one Soviet Division was expected to arrive in AGBA JULIA. It is not considered completely improbable that Soviet units have been transferred to the Banat, not only from Little Wallachia but also from other areas (19th Tank Div or 25th Gds Mecz Div?).

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